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Situation as of 1711 hrs on 2022-02-12

Event Overview:

- **Approximately 500-550 demonstrators** reported to be on **Parliament Hill** at this time.
- **Approximately 1000-1500 demonstrators on Wellington St. and in the downtown core.**
- OPS estimate that there **are 505 trucks in the downtown core.**
- **Other Events:**
 - o K Division: Truck Convoy/Blockade of Port of Entry (POE) at Coutts, Alberta
 - Highway 4 remains completely blocked at the Port of Entry (POE) at the Coutts location.
 - The Government of Alberta is still considering an injunction, but no decisions have been finalized.
 - With the Border access to Coutts still blocked, traffic remains stopped by police at the CP10 and CP14 location near Milk River, Alberta to

keep traffic from surging south to Coutts.

- Given the weekend atmosphere of increased traffic elsewhere in Alberta the mood remains neutral to police, and CCMG remains engaged with the identified leadership group.
- At the main site in Coutts currently 24 semi-trucks, 2 personal vehicles, and 2 farm tractors are lining the northbound side of the highway 4 and 14 semi-trucks, and 2 personal vehicles block the southbound lane.
- One semi-truck departed the protest site at Coutts overnight N/B and was allowed to depart. Police did traffic stop the vehicle to ensure a licensed driver and to confirm ownership of the semi unit.
- At the Saloon which encompasses the area closest to the southern most point of the blockade near Coutts and stretches west to east across the entirety of Highway 4, 7 semi-trucks, 16 farm tractors, 13 personal vehicles and 10 RV's are parked.
- At check point 10, which is set up 18km north of the main site on highway 4 there are 30 commercial vehicles, 91 RV's, approximately 218 passenger vehicles, and 23 farm tractors, and 3 horse trailers.
- Sheriff resources continue to be engaged to ensure checkpoints north of the Carway and Del Bonita POE's are active while the ports are open (both close at 1700 today). A Bronze Commander has been established to monitor any potential attempts to shift any form of protest to those locations, thus far no activity to report.
- The need for heavy equipment to clear the highway of vehicles still exists and will be critical for any enforcement action. Investigative team has secured some light duty tow strategies (standard tow truck for personal vehicle), and have one heavy duty tow truck owned by the City of Edmonton remains on stand by due to tactical considerations. Investigators are still working on potential strategies that would support that asset.
- The identified legal protest area on the west side of Milk River, which would enhance police and public safety has been outfitted by a community group with free Wi-Fi to make it a more attractive option to shift the crowd away from the roadway.

Operational Information:

- CIG OSINT identified a video on [Personal] Instagram account. In the video, [Perso] is a passenger in a vehicle and states that cops are frantic and blocking the Macdonald Cartier Bridge. [Perso] also states that OPS are more responsible for traffic jams than truckers. [Perso] claims the police are causing most of the troubles. [Perso] states that he does not care about fines since he claims the police are breaking the law and that protesters are the peaceful one. [Person] recommends people coming from Quebec to avoid Macdonald Cartier Bridge and use another way into downtown Ottawa. [i]

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- OPP intelligence operations advise [Personal Info.] is in Ottawa.

- CIG OSINT located a tweet at 1257hrs. The tweet reports that two vehicles were observed in which the individuals inside were observed wearing face coverings and military-style helmets. CIG could not corroborate this information. [ii]
- As of 1557hrs, RCMP reports that there is a heavy crowd on Metcalfe from Sparks to Wellington. A heavy crowd is also observed on Albert and Kent. Truckers are honking.
- Counter Protests:
 - CIG OSINT identified Twitter posts about a counter protest scheduled to begin at Lansdowne at 1300hrs. [iii] [iv] [v]
- Other Canadian Regions:
 - CBSA report that as of 1440hrs there are no impacts on CBSA operations at the Cornwall POE. However, uncorroborated information suggests protestors from Lansdowne POE might be traveling to Cornwall.

Operational Planning:

- Nil updates at this time.

Protective Clients and Protective Sites:

- Nil updates at this time.

Communications:

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- There are more than 410 news items in media monitoring this afternoon in relation to the demonstrations. A significant portion of reporting continues to focus on the situation in Windsor at the Ambassador Bridge, with some protesters defying enforcement efforts. While police have cleared some access to the bridge, it remains closed. Additional demonstrators have joined the since enforcement began this morning.
- Other protests took place near border crossings, including Cornwall and Fort Erie. Protests also took place in Toronto, Kingston and continue in Ottawa, where protesters removed fencing surrounding the National War Memorial. Two demonstrations are taking place in the Atlantic region as protesters occupy the downtown areas in Fredericton and Halifax. In Coutts, Alberta, CBSA has announced that services at the Coutts port of entry are now suspended.
- The OPS today issued a news release saying that all available resources were deployed in the capital last night, and that officers were overwhelmed by aggressive behavior from protesters. The release also details recent enforcement efforts, criminal charges,

and ongoing investigations. (<https://www.ottawapolice.ca/Modules/News/index.aspx?newsId=64873352-2809-47ce-bc46-f57f4bf05d45>)

- Nat Div Communication Services has received one media request since the last update, looking to confirm numbers of RCMP resources in Ottawa and Windsor. A previously-approved response was provided re: support to OPS. The question related to support to Windsor Police was referred to O Div.

[i] https://www.instagram.com/p/CZ48s_IDDHj/ (Queried: 2022-02-12)

[ii] <https://twitter.com/OccTranspo/status/1492558491298537472?cxt=HHwWgIC9hceC0bYpAAAA> (Queried: 2022-02-12)

[iii] <https://twitter.com/ThePostMdrn/status/1492566224294789123> (Queried: 2022-02-12)

[iv] <https://twitter.com/Frankie0331/status/1492558798581608452> (Queried: 2022-02-12)

[v] [https://twitter.com/Personal\[REDACTED\]/status/1492484528216104966](https://twitter.com/Personal[REDACTED]/status/1492484528216104966) (Queried: 2022-02-12)
